mutually beneficial co-operation among Russia, India and China in spheres such as energy, transport, agriculture and high technologies. It was agreed that relevant experts and officials from the three sides could meet to examine concrete possibilities in these and other sectors and make specific recommendations.

(d) and (e) No trilateral agreement has been signed between India, Russia and China.

Damage to major hydel projects by heavy rains in H.P.

1058. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent heavy rains have caused damage to major hydel projects, including Nathpa Jhakri and Bhaba Projects in Himachal Pradesh to suspend production; and

(b) if so, the extent of damage caused and the estimated loss of hydel power production?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The recent heavy rains have not caused major damages to any hydel plant/project. The floods, however, caused damages to some roads, bridges, camp offices affecting infrastructure of the Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Electric Project. The Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Electric Project was also closed for a few days during June and July, 2005 partly on account of high silt content in the river waters and partly as a precautionary measure due to apprehensions of flash floods subsequent to the breach of blockade in Praechu River. Partial generation has resumed *w.e.f.* 14th July, 2005.

The banks of Sutlej river have been eroded at many places due to flash flood on 26.6.2005 and heavy rains on 4.7.2005 and 5.7.2005. This included the approach road to the Bhaba Power House.

Baspa H.E. Project under Jaiprakash Hydro Power Ltd. was also closed as a precautionary measure for 5 hrs. on 26.6.2005 and from 5.7.2005 to 10.7.2005 because of heavy flood and high silt content in the river waters. Certain other stations of HPSEB were also affected by floods and there was generation loss in these stations.

(b) As per latest information received from Central Electricity Authority, the estimated loss of Hydel Power Production as a result of heavy floods and high silt content in river waters the generation loss from hydro electric stations in Himachal Pradesh has been estimated to be about 943.53 MU as per details given below:

Sl. No.	Station	Estimated Loss (MU)
1.	Nathpa Jhakri (1500 MW) (from 25.6.2005 to 25.7.2005)	868.00
2.	Bhaba (120 MW) (from 4.7.2005 to 13.7.2005)	1.50
3.	Baspa (300 MW) (from 26.6.2005 and 5.7.2005) to 10.7.2005	41.90
4.	Giri (60 MW) (from 5.7.2005 to 13.7.2005)	0.60
5.	Bassi (60 MW) (from 6.7.2005 to 13.7.2005)	5.41
6.	Chamera-II (300 MW) (25.6.2005 and 6.7.2005 to 9.7.2005)	24.78
7.	Baira Siul (198 MW) 14.7.2005	1.34
	TOTAL	943.53

Penalty for not unloading coal at Devi Lal Thermal Power Station at Panipat

1059. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tau Devi Lal Thermal Power Station at Panipat has been paying penalty of Rs. 1 crore per month to the Railway for delay in unloading coal and if so, since when and the total amount of penalty paid as a result thereof;